

HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER THE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNS TO ANY VESSEL WITHOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) replaces Article 14B, section 4N(a) of the Code. It conforms to the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 which now requires that a vessel whose construction starts after October 31, 1972 must have a hull identification number of a certain type permanently affixed outside the transom above the water line.

Subsection (b) presently appears as Article 14B, section 4N(b) of the Code. The reference to "firm, association, or corporation" is proposed for deletion because "person" already is defined in section 8-101(h). The references to serial number are changed to hull identification number to conform with correct nomenclatural designation. The only other changes made are in style.

8-712. NUMBERING VESSELS; OWNER'S CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER.

(A) NUMBERING REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS. - ANY VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH PROPULSION MACHINERY OF ANY TYPE ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE SHALL BE NUMBERED FOR IDENTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, AND ANY RULE OR REGULATION PURSUANT TO IT. THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING VESSELS:

(1) A VESSEL WHICH HAS A VALID DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD OR ITS SUCCESSOR;

(2) A VESSEL WITH A VALID NUMBER AWARDED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW OR A FEDERALLY- APPROVED NUMBERING SYSTEM OF ANOTHER STATE, IF THE NUMBER AWARDED IS DISPLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SYSTEM, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION WHENEVER THE VESSEL IS IN USE;

(3) A VESSEL FROM A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES TEMPORARILY USING THE WATERS OF THE STATE FOR LESS THAN 90 DAYS;

(4) A VESSEL USED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ANOTHER STATE,